

A special meeting of the Tippecanoe County Drainage Board was held on April 16, 1976 at 2:00 p.m., in the County Council Room with the following members present: Robert F. Fields, William Vanderveen, Bruce Osborn, Fred Hoffman, Dan Ruth, Jr. and Gladys Ridder. Also in attendance was William Stovall.

Gary
Hitchcox

This meeting was called to try to eliminate some pressing problems that have arisen. One was the answer of a request of Gary Hitchcox. Mr. Hitchcox's subdivision of four lots had been given an ok after a perk test. Two houses have been built thus far and they have water wicking up into their basements. There is no apparent outlet other than a branch of the S. W. Elliott ditch. With this legal drain already overloaded, the Board was most reluctant to grant Mr. Hitchcox's request. After having visited the site and needing to vote on the decision, the Board called this meeting.

The Board asked the Secretary to write Mr. Hitchcox a letter stating that if he would enter into a contract with them promising he would not build any more houses in that subdivision, they would give permission to use S. W. Elliott ditch to relieve the existing problem.

A letter to the State Board of Health from Richard H. Smith reads:

Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Smith
4340 Newcastle Road
Lafayette, Indiana 47905

Indiana State Board of Health
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Sirs:

Due to failure of two drainage systems our farm has from 50 to 80 acres of land

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that has had water standing on it, most of the year, for the past several years. Naturally our main concern has been crop loss, but with the recent increase of encephalitis we have also been concerned with the neighbors and our family getting this disease due to the hordes of mosquitos that breed in the stagnant water of this pond.

We have contacted our drainage board many times for several years about this problem. The drainage board had authorized repairing a part of one ditch, but have not solved the problem in that they quit working on the ditch before the problem was solved. About 1/2 to 3/4 mile of the tile yet remains to be probed to find the stoppage and it repaired. The drainage board has continued to drag their feet on this matter. They have also dragged their feet on cleaning a ditch south of our farm that has put the bulk of the water onto our farm.

We will not be legally responsible for keeping the mosquitos eradicated from this pond nor will we be legally responsible for illnesses neighbors might have as a result on insects breeding in this stagnant area. The legal responsibility should rest on the negligent drainage board of Tippecanoe County.

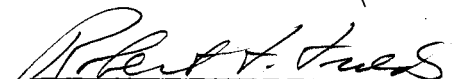
Any encouragement to our county officials would be greatly appreciated.

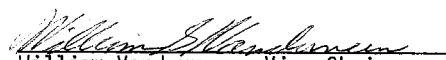
Sincerely,

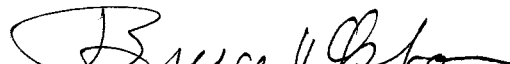
/s/ Mr. & Mrs. Richard H. Smith

✓ After some discussion about the letter received from Mr. Smith, Mr. Vanderveen moved to instruct ✓ the County Surveyor to prepare the field work for a reconstruction on that part of the S. W. Elliott ditch that affects Mr. & Mrs. Smith. Motion seconded by Bruce Osborn and made unanimous by Robert Fields.

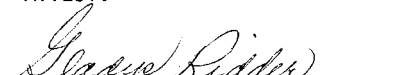
The business having been dealt with, Mr. Osborn moved to adjourn. Motion seconded and carried.


Robert F. Fields, Chairman


William Vanderveen, Vice Chairman


Bruce Osborn, Board Member

ATTEST:


Gladys Ridder, Exec. Secretary